

**Table 3-34. Ecological Priority habitat-species opportunities within the Western Prairie**

Community Group	Natural Communities that are Major Opportunities in the Western Prairie Ecological Landscape	Species of Greatest Conservation Need determined to be high priority based on their Community-Landscape combination scores	
Grassland	Mesic Prairie	<b>Birds (12)</b> Blue-winged Teal Northern Harrier American Golden Plover Upland Sandpiper Marbled Godwit Short-eared Owl Willow Flycatcher Dickcissel Field Sparrow Henslow's Sparrow Bobolink Eastern Meadowlark	<b>Herptiles (3)</b> Pickerel Frog Blanding's Turtle Timber Rattlesnake  <b>Mammals (2)</b> Franklin's Ground Squirrel Prairie Vole
	Surrogate Grasslands	<b>Birds (18)</b> Blue-winged Teal Northern Harrier American Golden Plover Upland Sandpiper Marbled Godwit Buff-breasted Sandpiper Short-eared Owl Willow Flycatcher Brown Thrasher Loggerhead Shrike Dickcissel Field Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Henslow's Sparrow Le Conte's Sparrow Bobolink Western Meadowlark Eastern Meadowlark	<b>Mammals (3)</b> <i>White-tailed Jackrabbit</i> Franklin's Ground Squirrel Prairie Vole

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Wetland	Emergent Aquatic	<b>Birds (15)</b> <i>Red-necked Grebe</i> American Bittern Great Egret Trumpeter Swan Blue-winged Teal <i>King Rail</i> American Golden Plover Solitary Sandpiper Hudsonian Godwit Marbled Godwit Dunlin Buff-breasted Sandpiper Short-billed Dowitcher Black Tern Rusty Blackbird	<b>Herptiles (2)</b> Pickerel Frog Blanding's Turtle
Aquatic	Coldwater streams	<b>Birds (2)</b> Solitary Sandpiper Louisiana Waterthrush	<b>Herptiles (4)</b> Mudpuppy Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle
	Coolwater streams	<b>Birds (2)</b> Solitary Sandpiper Louisiana Waterthrush	<b>Herptiles (3)</b> Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle
	Warmwater rivers	<b>Birds (4)</b> Great Egret Canvasback Lesser Scaup Dunlin  <b>Fish (6)</b> Lake Sturgeon <i>Blue Sucker</i> River Redhorse Greater Redhorse <i>Crystal Darter</i> Western Sand Darter	<b>Herptiles (4)</b> Mudpuppy Pickerel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle

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Aquatic (cont.)	Warmwater streams	<b><i>Birds (1)</i></b>	<b><i>Herptiles (3)</i></b>
		Solitary Sandpiper	Pickereel Frog Wood Turtle Blanding's Turtle
		<b><i>Fish (1)</i></b>	
		Greater Redhorse	